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USCINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, KE, SO, ET
SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR WARNS TO TAKE BATTLE TO SOMALIA

1. IN APRIL 14 PRESS CONFERENCE, ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR ATO MENGISTE DESTA WARNED THAT "SHOULD ETHIOPIA BE ATTACKED AGAIN IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, THIS TIME THE BATTLE WILL NOT BE FOUGHT WITHIN ETHIOPIAN BORDERS. WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT."

2. AMBASSADOR DESTA CHARGED THAT SOMALIA HAS NOT ABANDONED EXPANIONIST POLICIES AND "THEREFORE IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW ETHIOPIA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SAFEGUARD HER UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY." HE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT IN TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION, "WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE OUR LEGITIMATE POSITION."

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3. DESTA DENIED THERE WAS ANY PRESENT THREAT TO SOMALIA, COMMENTING THAT IN FURNISHING ARMS TO SOMALIA, EVEN "DEFENSIVE" ONES, THE US AND OTHER LEADING WESTERN NATIONS "WOULD ENABLE THAT REGIME TO CONTINUE ITS AGGRESSIVE WAR TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY OF NEIGHBORS."

4. WILL POUCH FULL TEXT IF AVAILABLE.

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5. COMMENT: ABOVE WARNING TO CARRY WAR TO SOMALIA JIBES WITH
A MESSAGE FON MIN WAIYAIKI BROUGHT BACK FROM RECENT VISIT
TO ADDIS, THAT IS, THAT ETHIOPIA IS POISED AND READY TO
WHOP SOMALIA ONCE AND FOR ALL SHOULD LATTER CONTINUE
TO SUPPORT GUERILLA ACTIVITY IN OGADEN. DESTA'S PRESS
CONFERENCE APPEARS ONE MORE EFFORT ON PART ADDIS REGIME TO
CONDITION PUBLIC OPINION FOR SUCH EVENTUALITY.
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